

## Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Question: The *Tower Clock* yearbook has previously gone by two other names. Can you choose the two correct answers from the following choices?

- A. *Bison Memories*
- B. *Corner-Stone*
- C. *Bench Mark*
- D. *Gallaudet Ad Infinitum*
- E. *Senior Number*

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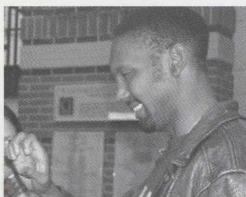


Dr. Donald Ammons, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and president of Deaflympics, and Edward Ingham (right), president of the U.S. Deaf Ski and Snowboard Association, receive the Business After Hours award on November 30 from Dr. Isaac Agboola, chair of the Department of Business, and Rian Gayle (left), a business administration major. The Business After Hours committee from the Department of Business' management class selected Deaflympics as the 2006 Business/Organization of the Year in recognition of its continued growth since 1924, when it held its first games in Paris, France. Today, it is the world's second oldest organizer of multiple sport games, and its popularity continues on an upward track. Unlike other organizations for athletes with disabilities, Deaflympics is proud to claim to be the only one that is run by and for deaf people. The 16th Winter Deaflympics is currently underway in Salt Lake City and Park City, Utah.

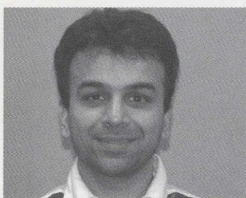
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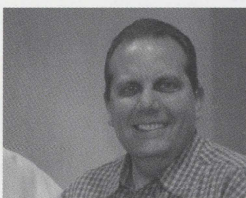


Recruiter Jesse Jones at a January 17 coffee hosted by President Davila in the Student Academic Center.

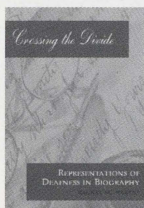


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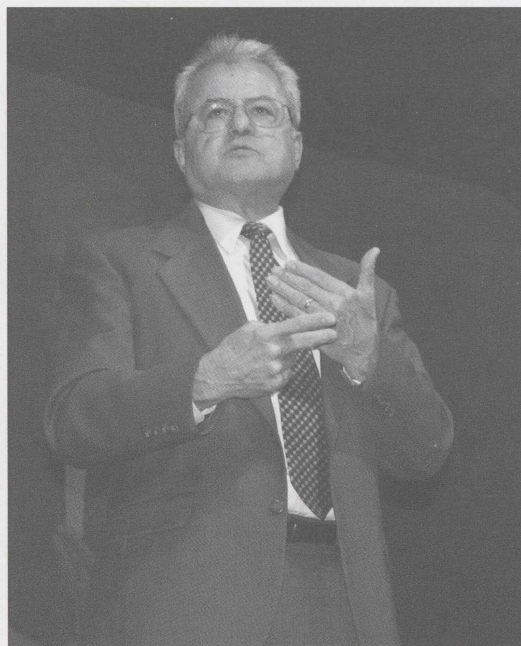
*Crossing the Divide: Representations of Deafness in Biography* by Rachel Hartig is one of six new titles from Gallaudet University Press.

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## President Davila holds Town Hall meeting with campus community



President Robert R. Davila invited everyone present at a January 18 Town Hall meeting to join "Team Gallaudet," a special group whose members are entitled the privilege of charting the University's future.

After recapping the campus visit of the Middle States Association's team and its report calling for Gallaudet to demonstrate clarity of its mission, Dr. Davila called for everyone on

Kendall Green to put aside the past and join him in moving Gallaudet forward.

"I arrived here with no baggage and I accept no responsibility for the past, but I accept full responsibility while I'm here," said Davila. He committed himself to "spend the time and energy needed to get the job done, and I hope you all will jump on the [Team Gallaudet] wagon until there is standing room only."

The president said that in the few weeks since he assumed office, he has focused on getting acquainted with various groups and individuals associated with Gallaudet. He is also communicating regularly with the campus community, through weekly email and video messages. Davila added that he has had positive meetings at the U.S. Capitol with Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), a long-standing supporter of Gallaudet, and Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.), a congressional appointee to the Board of Trustees, and both will be invited to visit the campus. Davila is also planning a visit with U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. In addition, Davila said he has been meeting with division officers at the University to review departments and discuss their recommendations on how programs and services can be conducted better and more efficiently.

Davila took the opportunity to explain to the audience why his title is Gallaudet's ninth president, even though his contract specifies that he serve in an interim capacity of no more than two

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## President updates campus on the Middle States Association's team visit to Kendall Green



An audience member expresses her concerns to Middle States Association visiting team members (from left) Dr. David Rubino, special assistant to the president, Seton Hill University; Lisa Marsh Ryerson, president, Wells College; and Dr. Stephen Sweeny, president, College of New Rochelle (team chair); accompanied by Linda Suskie, vice president, Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Her comments were made during a question and answer period at a January 11 open forum with the team and students. It was immediately preceded by an open forum with faculty and staff.

(Note: The following information is excerpted from a January 15 email message by President Robert R. Davila to the Gallaudet community. Included is a link to the Middle States Association's (MSA) exit report that was read to the campus community—including the Board of Trustees—on January 12.)

"...The team was here because of MSA's grave concerns about the University's current health and vitality, particularly, they said, with regard to what they view to be our lack of a common understanding and application of the University's

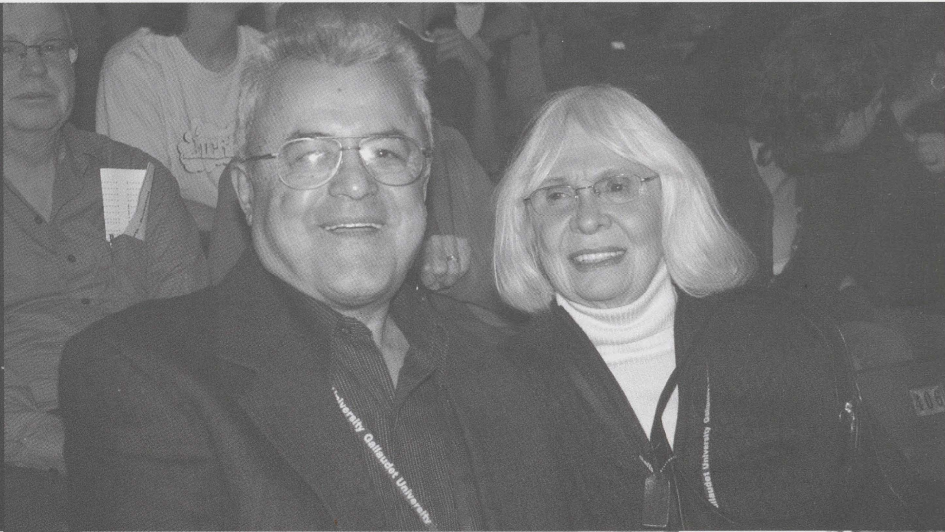
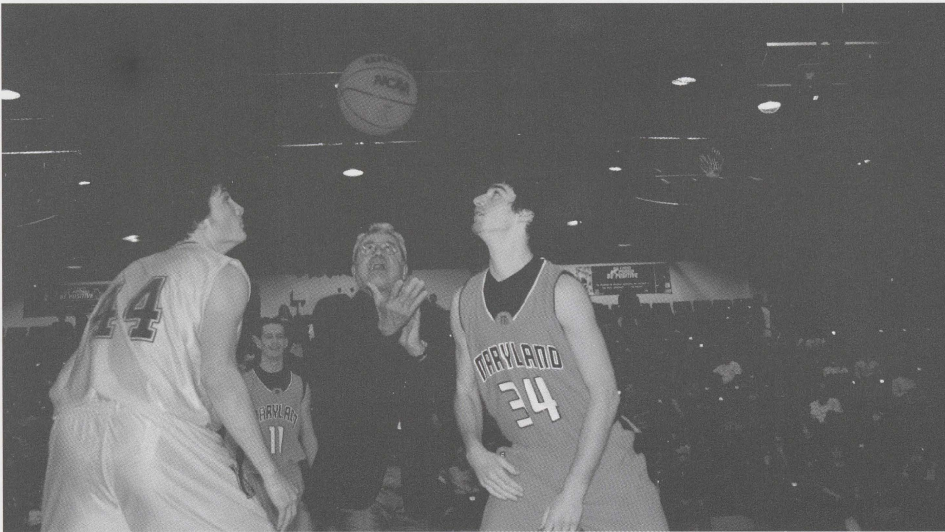
mission as it relates to institutional priorities, decision-making, academic programs, and operations. The team also perceived a need to engage in effective shared governance that involves faculty, administrators, staff, and students, as well as the forced closing of the University during last October's protest.

"While on campus the MSA team met with groups and individuals, including the Board of Trustees, to explain the extent of the University's accreditation issues. They were impressed that the

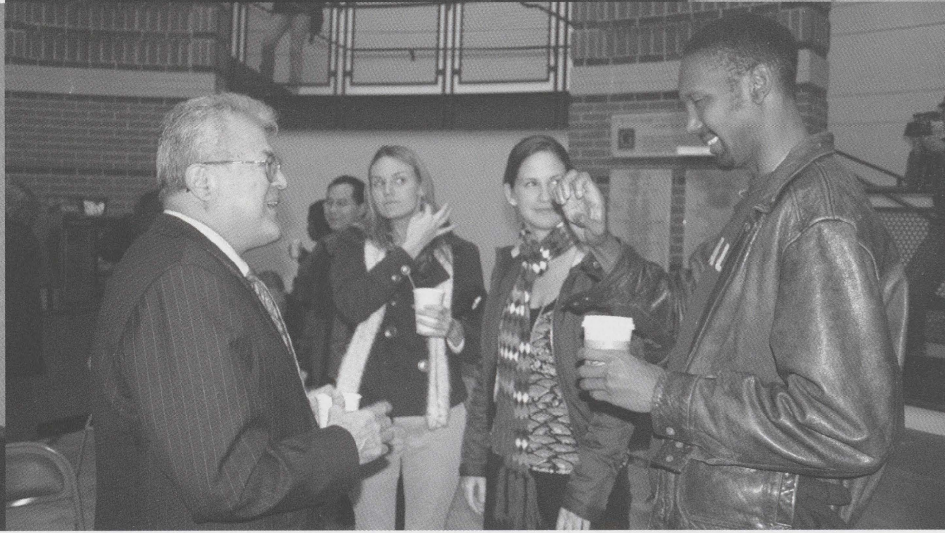
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Meet the Davilas



Clockwise, from above: President Robert R. Davila takes part in the tip-off in the January 13 Clerc Classic match between the Maryland and Minnesota schools for the deaf. Dr. Davila and his wife, Donna Davila, enjoy the Maryland-Minnesota game. Davila greets Gail Robinson (right) and Tami Hossler, parents of Gallaudet students, in the President's Office on January 13 prior to a meeting with Parents United for Gallaudet where he made a presentation on issues facing the University and responded to their questions and concerns. (Also pictured is Gallaudet Interpreting Service interpreter Joseph McCleary.) The president chats with Jesse Jones, a recruiter in the Admissions Office, over coffee at the Starbucks 'G' in the Student Academic Center on January 17. During a tea at House One on January 19, Dr. Davila greets students Minnie Buenaventura (left) and Rosalyn Ramos.



Roving Reporter

Many candidates have declared their plans to run for U.S. president in 2008. Who do you think will be on the final ballot, and why?



Clinton and Obama are possibilities for the Democratic candidacy because both bring a strong background to the political scene. McCain for Republican.

Cameron Carter  
graduate student



I think Obama will be on the ballot. He has a young mind and has the energy and motivation to change U.S. policy. He also would be the first minority and would be a good example of the diversity of the U.S.

Hatim Vali  
Data Center engineer, ITS



Because "Dubya" has horrendously mismanaged virtually every aspect of our domestic and foreign policies, my ideal candidate—whoever he/she may be—would be the antithesis of Bush.

Dr. Ian Sutherland, assistant professor,  
Department of Foreign Languages,  
Literatures, and Cultures

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## Among Ourselves

Lawrence Curtis, a driver for the Department of Transportation, has fulfilled the necessary requirements to become a certified pupil transportation specialist by the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT). In a letter from NAPT Executive Director Michael Martin, Curtis was informed that he is only the 50th person to have gained this "noteworthy distinction." Martin said that Curtis joins "an elite group of transportation professionals who have certified professional status."

The Outreach Programs and Publications Department earned awards for several of its publications and a CD in the 2006 MarCom Creative Awards international competition for marketing and communications professionals. The annual competition, administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, is believed to be the largest of its kind in the world, drawing entries ranging from freelancers to Fortune 500 companies. Gallaudet was awarded platinum—MarCom's highest award—in the Brochure/Special Events category for the 2006 National Academic Bowl program book. In addition, *Tyler Goes To Gallaudet*, a coloring and activity book for young, prospective students, netted gold in the Design/Cartoon category and gold in the Marketing/Promotion/Other category. The University also gained an honorable mention in the CD/DVD/Other category for its Recruiters' CD Presentation.

Dr. Lauri Rush, director of the Mental Health Center, and Dr. Kendra Smith, an instructor in the Counseling Department, have written the chapter, "Counseling Students Who are Deaf," in the recently published book, *Special Populations in College Counseling*. The book is published by the American Counseling Association and written for mental health professionals who work on college campuses. The chapter includes sections on counseling strategies, assessment needs, campus considerations, and future trends when working with college students who are deaf.

"Deaf Learners: Developments in Curriculum and Instruction," edited by Dr. Donald Moores, a professor in the Department of Education, and Dr. David Martin, professor emeritus, was named as an Outstanding Academic Title by *CHOICE* magazine in its January 2007 issue. Several other Gallaudet faculty members and graduate students contributed chapters in the issue of *CHOICE* as well: faculty—Dr. Thomas Jones (Education), Dr. Donna Mertens (Educational Foundations and Research), and Dr. Margery Miller (Psychology); Ph.D. students—Karen Ewing and Barbara Bonds. *CHOICE* is a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Gallaudet's most recent involvement in the mock trial program sponsored by the Washington, D.C. office of the legal firm Heller Ehrman LLP, was reported on in the publication *Lawcrossing*. Since its inception in 2002, Gallaudet students, guided by Heller Enrman attorneys, have been afforded the opportunity of taking part in a 10-week immersion into the field of law that culminates in a trial at the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia with a federal judge presiding over the proceedings. The article can be read at [www.lawcrossing.com/article/index.php?id=2381](http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/index.php?id=2381).

## Campus Calendar

### January 2007

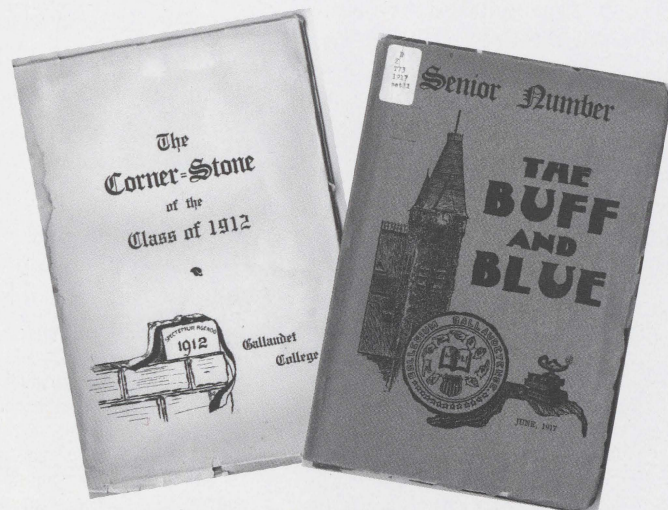
5—Monthly PFLAG meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., HMB S135

15-16—Board of Trustees Meeting, GUKCH (open meetings to be announced)

21—Career Center's Internship and Job Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., GUKCH; Black History Month guest speaker, Ann Marie Bryan: "Passionate to Stay Motivated," 4-6 p.m., Foster Auditorium

### Gallaudet Fact—

**B and E—***Corner-Stone* and *Senior Number*. Starting in 1912, the yearbook was actually the final issue of *The Buff and Blue* for the academic year. Each year, the staff of the newspaper handed over responsibility for that issue to members of the senior class. The name at first was *Corner-Stone*, and then for many years it was called *The Buff and Blue*, *Senior Number*. In 1941, the book became its own entity and got the name *Tower Clock*.



Yearbook covers from the Class of 1912 (left) and the Class of 1917.

(Front cover images from the Gallaudet Archives. Information from *The Buff and Blue*, March 1954.)



The Center for ASL Literacy (CASLL) included as part of its holiday festivities honoring three staff members for reaching employment milestones (from left): Rayna Kozerka, ASL diagnostician, and Dr. Judith Mounty, director of CASLL, both for 10 years of service, and Alexis McKenzie, administrative secretary, for five years of service.

## Personnel Notes

### Service awards for January

#### Five years:

**Jamie Nomeland**, academic/career advisor, Academic Advising

#### Ten years:

**Susan Jacoby**, coordinator, transition, Clerc Center; **James Lee**, speech/language pathologist, Audiology

#### Fifteen years:

**Irene Leigh**, professor, Psychology; **John Lewis**, VRS supervisor, GIS-VRS

#### Twenty years:

**Jean Alexander**, financial aid advisor, Financial Aid; **Susan Harrington**, program coordinator, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Cynthia King**, executive director, Academic Technology; **Margery Miller**, professor, Psychology; **Stephanie Walden**, administrative secretary, Academic Advising

#### Twenty-five years:

**James Dellon**, manager, TV and media, TV and Media Production Services; **Charles Drawdy**, manager, Client Accounts Licensing and Messaging System, ITS

#### Thirty-five years:

**Gwendolyn Sussewell**, teacher aide, KDES Principal's Office

### New employees hired in December

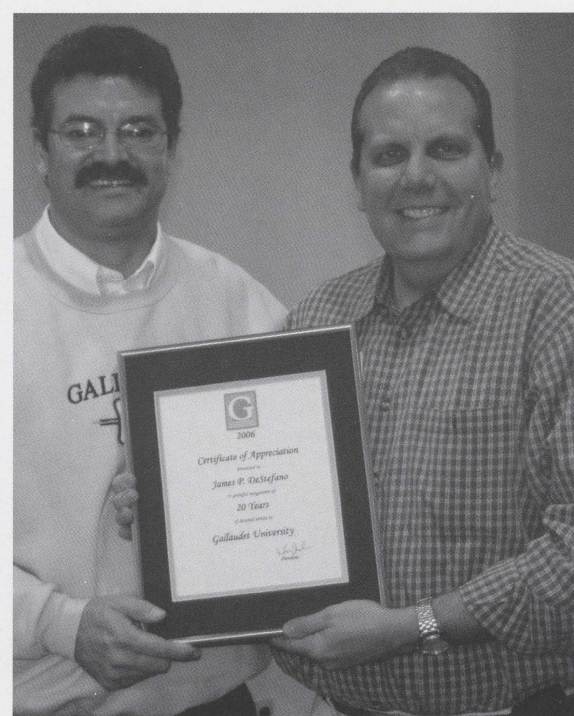
**Delando Haywood**, driver, Transportation; **Miquitta Scott**, secretary (extended temporary status), President's Office

### Promotions in December

**Charles Bryant**, manager, transportation services, Transportation; **Pamela Mower**, employer relations specialist, Career Center

### Retirements in December

**Diane Morton**, Counseling Department



Staff from the many divisions of Student Affairs came together on December 19 for a year-end celebration. Dean of Student Affairs Carl Pramuk honored Athletics Director James DeStefano (right) for 20 years of service to the University. Four other service awards recognized employees from Campus Life and the Mental Health Center, and Pramuk welcomed new staff members who joined Student Affairs during the year.



## New GU Press books range from biography to multilingualism

By Daniel Wallace

The Gallaudet University Press recently released another collection of books, beginning with *Blind Rage: Letters to Helen Keller*, by Georgina Kleege.

Kleege, a blind English professor at the University of California, Berkeley, has ingeniously reexamined the life of this renowned international figure through 21st-century sensibilities. Through her letters, Kleege challenges Keller to reveal the real nature of her long relationship with Anne Sullivan and her husband, and Keller's own brief engagement to Peter Fagan. Kleege's imaginative dramatization gradually shifts from anger to appreciation. *Library Journal* published a starred review of *Blind Rage*, declaring that all libraries should add this to their collections.

*Women and Deafness: Double Visions*, edited by Brenda Jo Brueggemann and

Susan Burch, breaks new ground by bridging two dynamic academic fields, women's studies and deaf studies. In three parts, 14 contributors address a host of intriguing

topics, including the roles and behavior of women in deaf schools; Helen Keller's identity as a deaf woman; the extent of women's authority over oralist education during the 1900s; how five deaf female ASL teachers define gender, feminism, sex, and patriarchy in ASL and English; and 20th-century American deaf beauty pageants that deny deaf identity but also challenge ideas of the perfect body.

Rachel Hartig has written *Crossing the Divide: Representations of Deafness in*

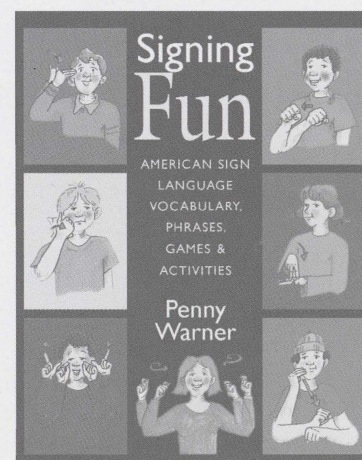
*Biography*, an unusual examination of the process by which three deaf French biographers from the 19th and 20th centuries attempted to cross the cultural divide between deaf and hearing worlds through their work. Hartig, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, reveals how these biographers strengthened their own sense of identity by portraying deaf figures whom they admired.

The Press also published additions to two of its ongoing series. Cynthia Roy, an associate professor in the Department of Interpretation and editor of the *Interpreter Education* series, edited *New Approaches to Interpreter Education*.

This third volume in the series features a cast of international scholars who offer state-of-the-art refinements in preparing practical curricula for interpreter programs. *Multilingualism and Sign Language: From the Great Plains to Australia* is the 12th volume in the Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities series. Ceil Lucas, chair of the Department of Linguistics and the series editor, has assembled the varied work of 17 linguists on North American Indian Sign Language, Australian Sign Language, Italian Sign Language,

Québec Sign Language, and American Sign Language.

For a younger audience, the Press has published *Signing Fun: American Sign Language Phrases, Vocabulary, Games, and Activities*, by Penny Warner, illustrated by Paula Gray. For ages 11 and up,



this fun book presents 441 signs on a variety of topics, practice sentences, dozens of entertaining games, and tips on signing and finger spelling.

All of these books can be obtained on campus at The Bison Shop or online at [gupress.gallaudet.edu](http://gupress.gallaudet.edu). ■

## Cousin Sally

(Note to readers: As you may remember, Aunt Sophie has retired and is off on new adventures. The Committee for On the Green Searches (COGS) has selected newcomer Cousin Sally as her replacement. Sally hails from western Wisconsin, where she was raised on a dairy farm. COGS was impressed with her willingness to help anyone with burning questions, whether the askers be human or bovine. Our new columnist says she's happy to take the job and milk this experience for all it's worth.)

To Aunt Sophie's replacement,

Welcome to your new columnist position. My question is about weather. This winter has been very mild with only one significant snowfall. I remember checking my pager on snowy mornings and seeing a University delay or even a closing, but we haven't had that in so long! Even if we don't get another snowfall, can't you help us get a few snow delays for old time's sake?

—Missing Winter

Missing Winter,

Thank you for your warm welcome. With that out of the way, I'd like to say: Are you nuts? Do you think a measly columnist—especially one who a few days ago traded in her straw hat for a Bison baseball cap—has any kind of say about snow closings? And is this really about nostalgia, or trying to sit back on your lazy haunches instead of going to work for this great university? And do you really call that “dandruff” a snowfall? If you had to get up at 4:00 on sub-zero mornings to brush 10 inches of snow off a herd of dairy cows with a toothbrush, I bet you'd change your tune.

Now, if it really is the lack of snow that has you down in the dumps, I did some thinking on that. I don't have all these big-city ideas like Aunt Sophie, so I had to turn to my Farmernet listserv. My results? Well, Citrus Cy in L.A. says he can borrow a snow maker from a Hollywood set for you. In exchange, you just have to buy a couple cases of his grapefruits. Big Frank down at the Hidden Valley Ranch just got back from Dubai, where even though it's hot as blazes, he says you can ski year-round indoors! I say forget about snow delays and place your request for a White Christmas-themed Employee Picnic next summer.

(To send in your questions, email [cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu).)

## Report on Middle States Association's visit

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entire Board of Trustees was on hand to meet with them and recognized the seriousness of the situation. And they admitted to admiring the University in many ways, but in the spirit of “tough love” felt they had to tell it to us like it is.

“Before departing, the team instructed Gallaudet to prepare a comprehensive, evidence-based report that acknowledges and addresses the areas of the MSA's greatest concerns. Specifically, the team requests that we analyze why the concerns exist and provide a detailed explanation of the steps we are taking to address them. This report must be submitted to MSA by March 1, 2007. I assured them that we will do everything asked of us and that a thorough, straightforward report will be forthcoming by that date. After receiving this message from the MSA team, I am beginning the

production of this report. In one way or another, every member of the Gallaudet community will be needed to support this effort. If you are called upon to assist in some specific way, please make it your highest priority.

“You will agree that it was an extremely serious occasion to have distinguished colleagues from the higher education community come to our campus to tell us that we face serious problems, particularly at this time when we are dealing with many other difficult matters. But, I accepted the position of president of our university because I love Gallaudet, and I believe I can help our community heal and regain its rightful position in the academic community. Please know that I believe that together we can work through all of these things and, in the end, emerge stronger and more united than ever.”

(MSA team visit exit report—[ims.gallaudet.edu/pdf/20070112-0006.pdf](http://ims.gallaudet.edu/pdf/20070112-0006.pdf)) ■



## Town Hall meeting

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years. He said that as the chief officer of the University, he will frequently go before corporations and public agencies.

If he carries an interim president title, major donors, for example, may opt to wait for a more permanent president to be in place. “We can't wait. ... I want to act with the full authority of president,” said Davila.

Before taking questions from the audience, Davila expressed his confidence in the strength and potential of Gallaudet: “No organization in the world, no place in the world can do more or be more successful than us, and I hope after I leave the momentum will continue to grow.”

(To see the video of the Town Hall with President Davila, go to [pr.gallaudet.edu/video/?vid=6](http://pr.gallaudet.edu/video/?vid=6).) ■